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1. LARMOUR AND RICHARDS IN COURSE OF CALL AT CONGEN FEB. 27
(FOR A VISA FOR RICHARDS) STOPPED BY MY OFFICE TO APPRISE ME
OF RESULTS OF THEIR VISIT HERE.

2. THEY SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO DECISION YET AS TO WHEN, WHERE
OR WHETHER TALKS WOULD TAKE PLACE. DISCUSSIONS WITH PREMIER
HAD COVERED A BROAD RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES BUT HAD BEEN STRICTLY
EXPLORATORY IN NATURE.

3. ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS, THEY SAID, WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT OUT-
COME OF PREMIER PRICE'S VISIT TO LONDON, MARCH 18-21. THIS
VISIT, THEY EMPHASIZED, HAD ALREADY BEEN PLANNED BEFORE CURRENT
SERIES PRELIMINARY TALKS BEGAN, AND ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSE WAS
PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS FINANCING CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS,
ESPECIALLY THE RESURFACING OF THE NORTHERN HIGHWAY. DISCUSSION
OF BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE QUESTION WITH HMG OFFICIALS, WHICH
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OBTAINING WOULD HAVE BEEN ON PRICE'S AGENDA IN ANY CASE, HAD

NOW ASSUMED GREATER IMPORTANCE IN VIEW OF PRESENT EFFORT TO
GET TALKS WITH GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT UNDERWAY, AND PRICE WOULD
BE SEEING UPPER ECHELON OFFICIALS IN FCO, INCLUDING SECRETARY OF
STATE. THEY EMPHASIZED PREMIER'S DESIRE (AND THEIRS) NOT TO HAVE
VISIT PUBLICIZED IN ADVANCE. GAWF

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